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For: METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION)	
OF A COMPOUND, COMPRISING)	
A FREE HYDROXYL GROUP AND)	
A HYDROXYL GROUP WHICH IS)	
PROTECTED BY AN ESTER		
FUNCTION BY ENZYMATIC		
REACTION		

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, kindly first
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